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# THE ALMA RECORD.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF ALMA AND VICINITY

Vol. 8. No. 2.

Alma, Mich., Friday, April 9, 1886

Whole No. 366.

## HERE, THERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Additional local items on fourth page.

W. S. & S. are putting out some new awnings.

A fine new front is being placed in B. W. Ellison's store.

E. R. Schweizer, of Shepherd, was in town Wednesday.

A chimney sweep made the afternoon hideous Thursday.

Miss M. E. Yerington visited friends in St. Louis last week Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Hayes, of Saratoga, has been visiting Dr. J. A. Lancaster during the past week.

Those fast color table linens at Miller's are a splendid bargain. Only 25c per yard, and worth 50c.

A Yerington, Esq., is improving the looks of his house by presenting it with a new coat of paint.

Alma was in luck Tuesday. The wind raged fearfully but did no particular damage that we have heard of.

E. F. Meyer thinks he can't get along without THE RECORD any longer and has left a bright new dollar on our table.

Tuesday's storm played sad havoc with the telephone between here and Saginaw, making a good deal of repairing necessary.

Mrs. Vanderhoof's class of the M. E. Sunday school, will give a Pious School Monday evening March 12th, for the bene fit of the library.

Genuine March weather Tuesday. Guess some of the wind must have been left over from election day and was trying to see what it could do.

When the painters get through at the Wright House that handsome structure will look almost as bright and fresh as when first opened.

Mr. Holden, of Sheridan, brother-in-law of W. W. Pike, was called here last week to attend the funeral of his daughter. He spent the Sabbath here.

W. Hough & Co's store in the Berry building looks as bright and clean as a new dollar and shows that the gentlemen thoroughly understand their business.

J. O. Lumsden's little boy accidentally caught one of the fingers of his left hand in the sewing machine, while in motion, Tuesday, and lost the tip of the finger.

School commenced again Monday with a good attendance. When another term is begun it will be in the elegant new building of which our citizens justly feel so proud.

The citizens of Alma and vicinity will please bear in mind that the old photo gallery is now by express ordered workman. Call and see samples of work. Geo. L. Munger, artist and proprietor.

Remember the G. A. R. soci. This evening at the Opera House. Twenty-one years ago Lee's army was compelled to surrender and the "boys in blue" haven't forgotten it yet. Nor do they propose to.

The first rehearsal of "East Lynne" was held Tuesday evening. It is quite a heavy play for amateurs but as there is some fine talent in our dramatic club, we shall expect to hear it fairly rendered at no distant day.

H. L. Davis, repairing the building just west of the rink and will put in a full line of agricultural implements.

RECORD: we turn thanks for the job work ordered of us and wishes him success in his enterprise.

The old house recently purchased by J. O. Lumsden, of Mr. Cahoon, was moved the first of the week up to the North end of Woodworth Ave. It will be thoroughly renovated and used as a tenement house, we are informed.

W. A. Bahke, a young attorney from Iowa has decided to locate in Alma and has secured rooms in the Polasky Block where all in need of legal advice can find him. Mr. B. is an intelligent young gentleman and is reported to be a first-class lawyer and will no doubt receive his share of patronage.

H. H. Dean of Elmore, was in town again this week looking after his telephone wires. He put one up of Mr. E. A. Sear, who lives out west of town. Wednesday afternoon and reports it as working to perfection. We can be truly recommended this telephone in all in need of a cheap but good instrument.

Dr. Spinney was in town nearly all of last week and was kept busy attending his many patients and looking after his scientific interests. The doctor left Monday afternoon for Lakeview, where he lectured that evening. He will be here permanently after the 1st of May.

The friends of John F. Harris in this community will be sorry to hear the sad report of his rapid decline. In another column from the Grand Rapids Daily Democrat we have to some time had our suspicions that he was being badly cheated by some of the sharpest of the "second city" but had not learned of his deplorable mental condition. His friends should look after him.

Oh, yes, editing a new-paper is a new business. If we publish jokes people say we are rattle-headed. If we omit jokes, we are an old fellow. If we give complimentary notices some say we show partiality. If we give none, all call us a long. If we stay in our office and attend strictly to business, some say we feel to go to mingle with our fellows. If we do go out others say we neglect our business. If we wear poor clothes some say our business is bad. If we wear good clothes they cry extravagance. Yes! nice business, nevertheless, THE RECORD will continue to be issued every Friday.

## THE TOWN IS CONSTANTLY BEING VISITED BY STRANGERS WHO COME TO LOOK OVER OUR FLORISSING YOUNG CITY WITH THE INTENTION OF LOCATING HERE IF SUITED.

A rapid increase in population may be looked for this coming summer as all who come for the above mentioned purpose go away thoroughly pleased, and express a determination to return at an early day and become full-plighted citizens.

Mrs. Susan Ruffell of Ithaca, was burned to death Monday night. A lamp exploded and set her clothing on fire and before the flames could be extinguished she was so badly burned that she followed in a few hours. She was 77 years old.

Mr. Topping, of Pontiac will open a music store and sewing machine office in the Stutz Furniture Company's room, in the south side. Mr. T. will be here in about three weeks. His stock will include pianos, organs, general household merchandise and sheet music. This will be a new line of merchandise for Alma and we wish Mr. T. success.

## John Harris Crazy.

From the Grand Rapids Sunday Democrat.

John F. Harris, the man who was taken that he is under the influence of Prof. Townsend, a mesmerist, was released from jail yesterday morning by order of Dr. Edie, who thought that he was sane enough to take care of himself. A few hours after being released he was seen running down the street without hat or coat, yelling and howling, and carrying a bar of iron which he jerked from his house at 29 North Iowa street. He imagined that the bar was one of his enemies and seemed to have an idea of throwing it in the river. He was secured by a policeman, and taken back to jail, where he was on his knees, but at intervals would imagine the bench in his cell was hot and that somebody was trying to tickle him with a pitchfork. To a reporter in the afternoon he talked quite rationally for half an hour and related a part of his history in a manner that showed that he realized his present condition.

He was born near Alma, Gratiot county, in 1844 and received a common school education, and has spent most of his life working in the lumber woods. He says that in 1868 he became greatly interested in religious matters, read the Bible a great deal and "finally settled down to believe that the miller cure theory was the best religion to follow." He soon began to practice as a "miller cure and magnetic healer," and was quite successful. In December last he came to this city to have engraving done, having determined to write a history of his life and have it illustrated with pictures of his birthplace, scenes of his childhood, etc. Soon after arriving here he met J. H. Ingraham, who pretended to be a newspaper man from the east. Durham learned of Harris' intention to write a book and offered to assist him. His offer was accepted and he wrote a story about a patient whom Harris claimed to have cured, entitled "Banned from the Dead, or Saxon by the Most Cured." This was the last of his career. Harris was a sketch of Harris' life.

Early in February he took the copy to M. A. True & Co. and made arrangements to have it printed in the form of a pamphlet. He told True & Co. that he had a certain sum of money in the bank at Alma, and that the bank had notes which he left there for collection. Correspondence with the bank proved that he had not misrepresented the matter, and the book-an edition of 1,000-was printed, the binders finishing it yesterday. The part written by Harris was incoherently, the subject of childhood, education, religion, etc., being badly mixed with lectures on "miller power," "miller cure," "millerism," etc. It was his intention to have placed the book for sale at the book stores yesterday. He delivered a few lectures in the morning to people who had paid for them in advance and says there are several "miller" patients who are entitled to a lecture and would be greatly concerned about him. He said he would not attend to it, and did not know what would become of it. He wanted any authorities to take care of him, saying that it was not safe for him to be at liberty, because when under the influence of his "miller" he might do something that he would regret to do. He said he would be taken with one of these spells while going across the "river," and should take a note to the "miller" to come to Alma and be taken care of by the authorities. Sheriff Kinney will ask Judge Follett to take charge of him today with a view of having him sent to the asylum.

## REMOVAL.

On Monday next the Record office will be removed from its present quarters to the building on South side of Superior street, it having been fitted up especially for our use. Remember the place—first on East of Suydam's drug store, and give us a call as we shall be better prepared than ever to do fine work on short notice and at living prices.

## Card of Thanks.

We desire to return our heartfelt thanks to all the kind friends who so kindly aided us during our recent bereavement.  
MRS. AND MRS. W. W. PIKE.

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Gratiot Co. Savings Bank,

ALMA, - MICH.,

At the close of business April 5th, 1886.

## RESOURCES.

Loans, discounts & mortgages, \$12,270.44

Currents, 2,520.00

Silver, 159.00

Cash items, 27.50

Real estate, 2,640.00

Furniture and fixtures, 1,568.65

Expenses, 1,141.51

Due from banks, 1,638.25

\$25,805.39

## LIABILITIES.

Capital stock, \$15,000.00

Undivided profits, 3,538.81

Due depositors, 7,266.58

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I do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. B. WALDBY, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of April, 1886.

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